

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of assuring the quality of data being transmitted by a server of a data provider in response to a client request, the method comprising:

a data provider receiving a request for client requested data over an Internet from a client;
obtaining said client requested data, in response to said request, at said data provider;
responsive to said request and before providing said obtained client requested data to said client, performing a quality assurance procedure at said data provider on said obtained client requested data to indicate whether said obtained client requested data is corrupted in order to assure the quality of said obtained client requested data;

if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained client requested data is corrupted, then transmitting said obtained client requested data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure; and

if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained client requested data is corrupted, then not transmitting said obtained client requested data to said client.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises comparing said data to said request.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises comparing said obtained client requested data to stored data.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking an electronic signature associated with said obtained client requested data.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a limited usage-code associated with said obtained client requested data.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a one-way hash function of said obtained client requested data.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises analyzing a content of said obtained client requested data against a preexisting value.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting a message when said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained client requested data is corrupted.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving said obtained client requested data by a user of said obtained client requested data; and second performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained client requested data, at said user.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said second performing a quality assurance procedure comprises checking a digital signature of said obtained client requested data.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said performing a quality assurance procedure comprises calculating a checksum for said obtained client requested data.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of assuring the quality of data being transmitted in response to a client request, the method comprising:

receiving a request for data over an Internet from a client;

obtaining data, in response to said request;

responsive to said request and before providing said obtained data to said client, performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained data to indicate whether said obtained data is corrupted to assure the quality of said obtained data;

if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained data is corrupted, then transmitting said data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure; and

if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted, then not transmitting said obtained data to said client.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12 wherein said quality assurance procedure comprises checking an electronic signature associated with said data.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12 wherein
if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained data is corrupted, then obtaining backup data.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for assuring the quality of data being transmitted in response to a client request, the system comprising:

means for receiving a request for data over an Internet from a client;

means for obtaining client requested data, in response to said request;

means responsive to said request, for performing a quality assurance procedure on said obtained client requested data to determine whether said obtained client requested data is corrupted in order to assure the quality of said obtained data; and

means for transmitting said obtained client requested data over said Internet to said client responsive to said quality assurance procedure if said quality assurance procedure does not indicate that said obtained client requested data is corrupted and for not transmitting said obtained client requested data to said client if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained client requested data is corrupted.

16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 15 wherein said quality assurance procedure comprises checking an electronic signature associated with said obtained client requested data.

17. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 15 further comprising:
means for obtaining backup data if said quality assurance procedure indicates that said obtained client requested data is corrupted.